

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6515–S6577

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2841–2854, S.J. Res. 60, and S. Res. 420. **Pages S6566–67**

Measures Reported:

S. 2765, to improve Federal fiscal controls and the congressional budget process, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6566**

Measures Passed:

Government Publishing Office Technical Fix: Senate passed S. 2851, to amend section 442 of title 18, United States Code, to exempt certain interests in mutual funds, unit investment trusts, employee benefit plans, and retirement plans from conflict of interest limitations for the Government Publishing Office. **Page S6573**

Menashi Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Steven J. Menashi, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit. **Pages S6520–25, S6525–44**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 355), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S6520**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, November 14, 2019, with the post-cloture time on the nomination expiring at 1:45 p.m. **Page S6573**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 54 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 354), Chad F. Wolf, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Strategy, Policy, and Plans, Department of Homeland Security. **Pages S6516–20**

Nomination Received: Senate received the following nomination:

Elaine A. McCusker, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller). **Page S6577**

Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Doug Manchester, of California, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, which was sent to the Senate on January 16, 2019. **Page S6577**

Messages from the House: **Page S6564**

Measures Referred: **Page S6564**

Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Pages S6516, S6564**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—355) **Pages S6519–20, S6520**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:40 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, November 14, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6573.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 10, to require the Inter-Agency Task Force on Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia to develop a plan for reducing, mitigating, and controlling harmful algal blooms and hypoxia in South Florida;

S. 481, to encourage States to require the installation of residential carbon monoxide detectors in homes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 999, to provide for Federal coordination of activities supporting sustainable chemistry, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1069, to require the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to establish a constituent-driven program to provide a digital information platform capable of efficiently integrating coastal data with decision-support tools, training, and best practices and to support collection of priority coastal geospatial data to inform and improve local, State, regional, and Federal capacities to manage the coastal region;

S. 1640, to require compliant flame mitigation devices to be used on portable fuel containers for flammable liquid fuels, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1982, to improve efforts to combat marine debris, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2330, to amend the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act to provide for congressional oversight of the board of directors of the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee and to protect amateur athletes from emotional, physical, and sexual abuse, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2346, to improve the Fishery Resource Disaster Relief program of the National Marine Fisheries Service, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2429, to reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000 and to establish the United States Coral Reef Task Force, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2453, to assist in the conservation of the North Atlantic right whale by supporting and providing financial resources for North Atlantic right whale conservation programs and projects of persons with expertise required for the conservation of North Atlantic right whales, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2472, to redesignate the NASA John H. Glenn Research Center at Plum Brook Station, Ohio, as the NASA John H. Glenn Research Center at the Neil A. Armstrong Test Facility;

S. 2525, to require the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to conduct a study of personal protective equipment worn by firefighters to determine the prevalence and concentration of per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2535, to require the Secretary of Commerce to conduct an assessment and analysis relating to the decline in the business formation rate in the United States, with an amendment;

S. 2597, to require the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to make certain operational models available to the public, with an amendment;

S. 2693, to improve oversight by the Federal Communications Commission of the wireless and broadcast emergency alert systems;

S. 2775, to improve the cyber workforce of the United States, with an amendment;

S. 2782, to improve provisions of law relating to sexual harassment and assault prevention at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration;

S. 2800, to authorize programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2805, to improve transit-oriented development financing, with an amendment;

H.R. 3153, to direct the Director of the National Science Foundation to support research on opioid addiction, an original bill entitled, "Marine Mammal Research and Response Act of 2019", with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

The nominations of Ian Paul Steff, of Indiana, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, Michael Graham, of Kansas, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2020, and to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2025, Carl Whitney Bentzel, of Maryland, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, Theodore Rokita, of Indiana, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors; and

A routine list in the Coast Guard.

NUCLEAR POWER

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine preserving and expanding clean, reliable nuclear power, focusing on United States commercial nuclear reactor performance trends and safety initiatives, after receiving testimony from Peter B. Lyons, former Commissioner, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Golden, Colorado; Robert F. Willard, Institute of Nuclear Power Operations, Atlanta, Georgia; and Edwin Lyman, Union of Concerned Scientists, Washington, D.C.

MIGRATION AT THE SOUTHERN BORDER

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine unprecedented migration at the United States southern border, focusing on the year in review, after receiving testimony from Mark Morgan, Acting Commissioner, Customs and Border Protection, Kenneth T.

Cuccinelli II, Acting Director, Citizenship and Immigration Services, and Derek Benner, Acting Deputy Director, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, all of the Department of Homeland Security; and James McHenry, Director, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Department of Justice.

YOUTH ELECTRONIC CIGARETTE USE

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the response to lung illnesses and rising youth electronic cigarette use, after receiving testimony from Mitch Zeller, Director, Center for Tobacco Products, Food and Drug Administration, and Anne Schuchat, Principal Deputy Director, Centers for Disease Control

and Prevention, both of the Department of Health and Human Services.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Stanley Blumenfeld, and Mark C. Scarsi, both to be a United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Grace Karaffa Obermann, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years, and Stephen A. Vaden, of Tennessee, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 5059–5079; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 72; and H. Res. 693–694, 696–697 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 729, to amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to authorize grants to Indian Tribes to further achievement of Tribal coastal zone objectives, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–283);

H.R. 925, to extend the authorization of appropriations for allocation to carry out approved wetlands conservation projects under the North American Wetlands Conservation Act through fiscal year 2024 (H. Rept. 116–284);

H.R. 1446, to require the United States Postal Service to continue selling the Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp until all remaining stamps are sold, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–285, Part 1);

H.R. 1980, to establish in the Smithsonian Institution a comprehensive women's history museum, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–286, Part 1);

H.R. 4031, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–287);

H.R. 4044, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Pro-

gram, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–288); and

H. Res. 695, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4863) to promote the competitiveness of the United States, to reform and reauthorize the United States Export Finance Agency, and for other purposes; and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–289).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cuellar to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:38 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Ms. Verna Teller, Southern Tiwa, Pueblo of Isleta, New Mexico.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Foundation of the Federal Bar Association Charter Amendments Act of 2019: H.R. 1663, to amend title 36, United States Code, to revise the Federal charter for the Foundation of the Federal Bar Association;

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Reauthorizing Security for Supreme Court Justices Act of 2019: H.R. 4258, to authorize the Marshal of the Supreme Court and the Supreme Court Police to protect the Justices, employees, and official guests of the Supreme Court outside of the Supreme Court grounds;

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Veteran Entrepreneurship Training Act of 2019: H.R. 3537, to amend the Small Business Act to codify the Boots to Business Program, by a $\frac{2}{3}$